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1. Vietnam

No new Communist military deployments related to the situation in Southeast Asia have been detected.

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Intense Viet Cong guerrilla and sabotage activity continues. No further developments indicative of fresh attacks on US facilities have been noted.

The Armed Forces Council, in circumstances which are still obscure, has apparently reversed field and designated Phan Huy Quat as the new premier. Interior Minister Vien had seemed to have the inside track yesterday.

Quat, who served as foreign minister in General Khanh's government, has been favored by the Buddhist faction led by Tri Quang. He is considered to be relatively competent and friendly to the US.

North Vietnamese and Chinese Communist propaganda has become more bellicose than ever. Hanoi warns of "blood debts" to be collected from the "US imperialists."

Peiping also promises blows by Viet Cong forces in reprisal for new US air strikes against North Vietnam. Peiping draws a clear distinction between air attacks and "invasion," which it has declared it would be duty-bound to resist. The Chinese have carefully avoided any commitment to intervene in response to air attacks against selected military targets.

Vietnam Confederation of Workers President Tran Quoc Buu says he has gained agreement from political and religious groups to cooperate in stabilizing the political situation. If Buu has in fact gained such cooperation, his influence could be significant. Buu further says he is coming to the US shortly.

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2. Malaysia

The rock throwing by youthful demonstrators at the USIS library in Kuala Lumpur today seems to have been a by-product of a protest rally by the Socialist Front party. The Socialist Front is pro-Indonesian, and several of its leaders have recently been detained by the police. The demonstrators carried banners protesting the detentions, high prices, Malaysia, and "imperialists."

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